Mankiyali language

Mankiyali is an endangered Dardic language of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, northern Pakistan. It is spoken by the Trawara community[2] in the secluded village of Danna (or Dana) located in the Badi Shungli union council of Mansehra District.[3] There are also some speakers scattered in the neighbouring villages of Damaka, Guldar, Arghaniya, Chamrasi and Shoshni.[4] The whole community has been reported to be bilingual in Hindko, the language of wider communication in the area.[3] The language is still being passed on to the next generation, but overall it is losing ground to Hindko.[5] The first study documenting the existence of the language was published only in 2015. The name *Mankiyali* is of recent origin, having been coined by members of the community to replace the older terms *Tarawara* and *Tarawari*, which are now seen as stigmatising.[6]

Mankiyali is not mutually intelligible with any of the surrounding languages. Lexical similarity tests have revealed that it shares a little over a third of its core vocabulary with the local varieties of Hindko and Gojri, and a slightly higher percentage (41–42%) with the Kohistani languages Gowro and Bateri.[7] The somewhat higher similarity with Bateri could indicate a common origin, which would be consistent with the oral traditions of the community.[8]

Mankiyali has been influenced by Hindko and Gojri, particularly in the development of phonemic tone: a preliminary analysis indicated that its tonal system is of the Punjabi type, shared with Hindko and Gojri and contrasting with the systems found in northern Dardic languages.[9] The voiced aspirates have been lost, conditioning a low rising tone on the following vowel.[10] There are contrasting dental (/ts/) and palatal (/tʃ/ /tʃʰ/) affricates.[11]

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6. Munshi 2017.

Mankiyali	
Native to	Pakistan
Region	Mansehra District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Ethnicity	Trawara
Language family	Indo-European ■ Indo-Iranian 　■ Indo-Aryan 　　■ Dardic 　　　■ **Mankiyali**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nlm
Glottolog	mank1256 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mank1256)[1]

Coordinates: 34°28′56″N 72°57′05.3″E

7. Anjum & Rehman 2015, pp. 179–81. The lexical similarity percentages are as follows: 34% with Ushojo, 41% with Gowro, 42% with Bateri, 39% with Hazara Gojri and 36% with Sherpur Hindko.
8. Anjum & Rehman 2015, p. 181.
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